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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILES

Subject: JIOA Meeting, April 26, 1946

The meeting this morning was attended by Captain Wev, Lieut. Colonel Cranford and Lieut. Colonel Hagood. The meeting was concerned largely with revision of a draft of instructions prepared by Colonel Hagood to the Armed Services to submit supporting data in connection with applications for scientists. However, the conversation indicated that the other members had agreed, among themselves, to exclude so far as possible all matters of what they called "policy", such as the limitation of the number of scientists, etc., and simply to follow closely the language of the directives. I argued that it seemed to me that a coordinating committee of the high level of this one was expected to do more than just a clerical job, but this argument did not impress the other members. I repeated that I would submit a memorandum on which the various State Department officers concerned with the problem were now working and that this would outline State Department's requirements. I suggested that if they wanted a State Department member merely to advise them on visa requirements and the like they ought to get an immigration specialist for the same purpose, but this proposition was not accepted.

It also appeared that Captain Wev expected the Committee to pass on downgrading of military documents as outlined in the directive.

I told Colonel Hagood that an expert (meaning Dennis Flinn) had been appointed, at my request, from the Office of Controls to work out security and related requirements.

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